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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist 

RE: Site Inspection, William Harrison, Monoclinic Mine, S/037/085, San Juan County, Utah

Date of Inspection: March 27 and 28, 2003
Time of Inspection: 5:25 to 5:40 p.m. on March 27, about 10:30 to 10:40 a.m. on March 28
Conditions: Mostly clear, 30's, windy
Participants: Denice Swanke (BLM) and Paul Baker (DOGM)

Purpose of Inspection:

The operator has been doing some reclamation on the portion of his mine on Bureau of Land Management land, and we wanted to see how this reclamation was progressing.

Getting to the site:

The mine is just south of the abandoned Keystone Wallace Mine a little north of the junction between the roads leading to the Lisbon and Big Indian Valleys.

Observations:

Most of the mine was as it has been when I've visited in the past. There was one portion (Photo 1) on the north side that has been partially regraded. We were not certain exactly where the boundary is between the patented and the BLM land, so we didn't know exactly how close the operator is to completing the work. We believe that part of the trench in Photo 2 also needs to be graded and that the operator plans to make it a drainage ditch leading into the Keystone Wallace Mine pit.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The operator needs to complete the grading work and will then need to request that that portion of the site be released. I have some concerns about how much vegetation will grow in this area, but the site was previously disturbed and probably had little vegetation when Mr. Harrison started working it. Therefore, the revegetation standard may not be difficult to achieve.

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cc: Denice Swanke, Moab BLM
William Harrison, operator
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Photographs

S/037/085, Monoclinic Mine, William Harrison



Photo 1. Part of the regraded area.



Photo 2. Area in the immediate foreground may be on BLM land, but the background areas are on patented land.